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Ossabaw and St Catherines Sounds

(NOAA Chart 11511)



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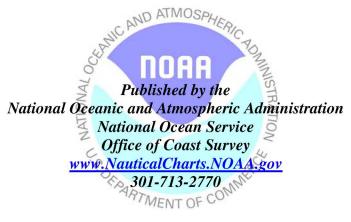
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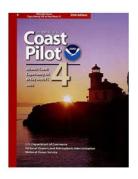
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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[Coast Pilot 4, Chapter 7 excerpts] (29) Ossabaw Sound, entered between Wassaw Island and Bradley Point (31°49.4'N., 81°02.9'W.) is a broad opening in the coast 15 miles southwest of Tybee Light. Most of the sound is shallow, and shifting shoals extend seaward about 4 miles. The entrance is marked by a lighted buoy. North Channel and South Channel lead through the shoals into the sound. North Channel is marked by buoys and daybeacons, and South Channel is marked by a buoy, a

daybeacon, and a light. Strangers are advised not to enter as breakers sometimes extend clear across the entrance.

- (30) A fish haven is 2 miles east-southeast of Ossabaw Sound Entrance Lighted Buoy OS.
- (32) **Ogeechee River** flows into the western part of Ossabaw Sound. The river drains an extensive area and is subject to flood conditions that

- continually change the channel. Navigation to the Seaboard System Railroad bridges is possible with local knowledge. The depth was 6 feet to the first railroad bridge. This bridge has a clearance of 14 feet. The second railroad bridge northward of the first, has a clearance of 4 feet down and 41 feet up.
- (33) A dock with a depth of 10 feet alongside is at **Fort McAllister**, 11 miles above the river entrance; gasoline, ice, and supplies are available.
- (34) The currents in the Ogeechee River and Ossabaw Sound have considerable velocity, particularly the ebb setting out of the river.
- (35) The coastline between Ossabaw Sound and St. Catherines Sound is formed by **Ossabaw Island**, which lies in a southwesterly direction. The eastern half of the island is heavily wooded.
- (36) The seaward side of the island appears unbroken by streams, and shows as a white sand beach backed by heavy woods. Dangerous shoals extend offshore nearly 5 miles.
- (37) The southwestern point of the island borders on St. Catherines Sound and is thickly wooded. The western half is almost entirely marshy. On the west the island is separated from the marshes of the mainland by **Bear River** and **Florida Passage.**
- (38) **St. Catherines Sound** is 24 miles southwest of Tybee Light. The entrance is over a shifting bar that extends 5 miles offshore. The entrance lighted buoy is 7 miles offshore. The depth in the marked bar channel was 8 feet.
- (40) There are no towns on the sound, and strangers seldom enter. Except for light-draft fishing craft, little traffic crosses St. Catherines Bar. Channels with depths of 13 to 38 feet lead from inside the bar into the entrances of its tributaries. The main body of the sound is exposed and becomes rough in moderately bad weather. Protected anchorage for small vessels is in **Walburg Creek** on the south side of the entrance.
- (41) Tidal currents have considerable velocity at the entrance and in the tributary rivers.
- (43) Three main rivers enter the sound. **Bear River** and **North Newport River**, which form a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway, flow into the sound from the northwest and southwest. **Medway River** enters the sound from the westward. There was a depth of 10 feet to **Sunbury** on the Medway River. Water can be obtained at the wharf and has a depth of 6½ feet alongside.
- (44) **Ashley Creek** makes into the south side of Medway River 3 miles above the mouth. A fish camp, about 2.7 miles above the mouth at **Yellow Bluff** has berths with electricity, gasoline, water, and marine supplies. A depth of 3 feet could be carried to the fish camp dock. (45) **Kilkenny Creek** empties into the west side of Bear River 3.3 miles above the mouth. A fish camp, 1.8 miles above the mouth of the creek, has berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, electricity, water, ice, pump-out station and wet and dry storage. A depth of 10 feet could be carried to the fish
- (46) **Belfast** is reached by way of the Medway River and Belfast River. The depth in Belfast River was 4 feet to Belfast. A pile of rocks, bare about 3 feet at low water, stands in the midchannel with surrounding depths of 8½ feet off the bluff at Belfast.
- (47) A marina, on the north side of North Newport River 8.6 miles above the mouth at **Colonels Island**, has berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and marine supplies. A depth of 10 feet could be carried to the marina via **Timmons River**. A fish haven, with a minimum depth of 3 feet, is on the north side of Timmons River 1.9 miles above its mouth; caution is advised.
- (48) **St. Catherines Island** is flat and much of it is marshy with the higher part heavily wooded.
- (49) **McQueen Inlet**, the only break in the shoreline visible from seaward, is unimportant, as it is blocked by shoals at low water. Dangerous shoals extend offshore for 5 miles.

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 4 for important supplemental information.

NOTE B CAUTION

The entrance to Wassaw Sound is subject to frequent change. Buoys 4, 6 and 8 are not charted as they are frequently shifted in

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CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine bles and submarine pipeline and cable areas

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buows.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. below provide collimbous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Savannah, GA Baxley, GA Savannah, GA KEC-85 Baxley, GA WXM-65 Waycross, GA WXK-75

162.525 MHz 162.475 MHz

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

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The project depth is 12 feet from Savannah
River to St. Simons Sound, GA, chart 11506.
The controlling depths are published
periodically in the U.S. Coast Guard Local
Notice to Mariners.

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.783" northward and 0.623" eastward to agree with this chart.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone com-munication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

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Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2,
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7th Coast Guard District in Miami, Florida, or at the O

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and the U.S Coast Guard.

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

CALITION

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ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)
Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical	G green		Mo morse code	R TR radio tov
Al alternating	IQ interru	pted quick	N nun	Rot rotating
B black	Iso isoph	880	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT HO II	ghthouse	Oc occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautic	al mile	Or orange	St M statute m
DIA diaphone	m minute	es	Q quick	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO 1	R microwave tower	R red	W white
FI flashing	Mkr marl	ker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHIS whistle
			R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow
Bottom characteristics:				
Blds boulders	Co coral	gy gray	Ovs ovsters	so soft
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	Sh shells
Cv clay	Grs grass	M. mud	S sand	sy sticky

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2_L Wrock, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.

(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.

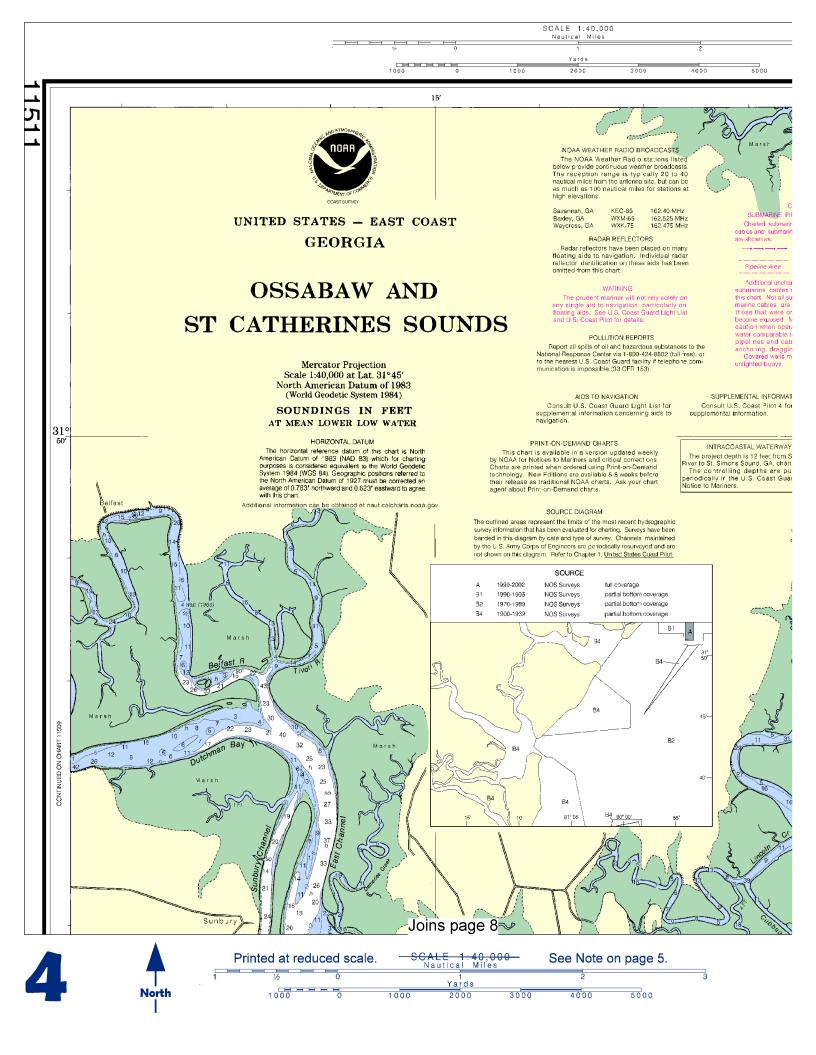
COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.

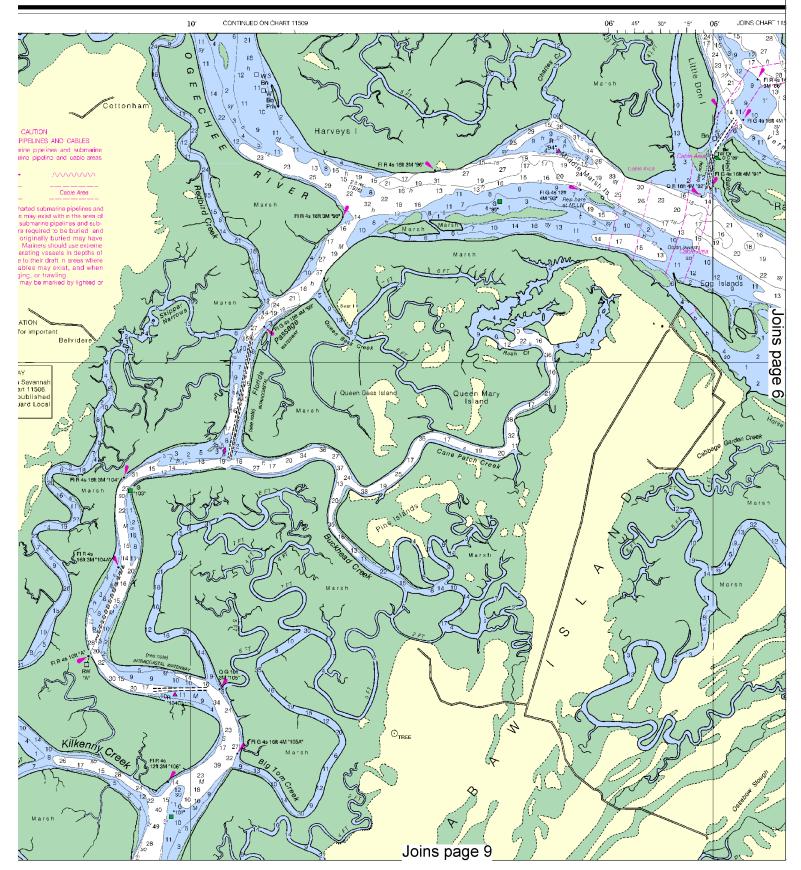
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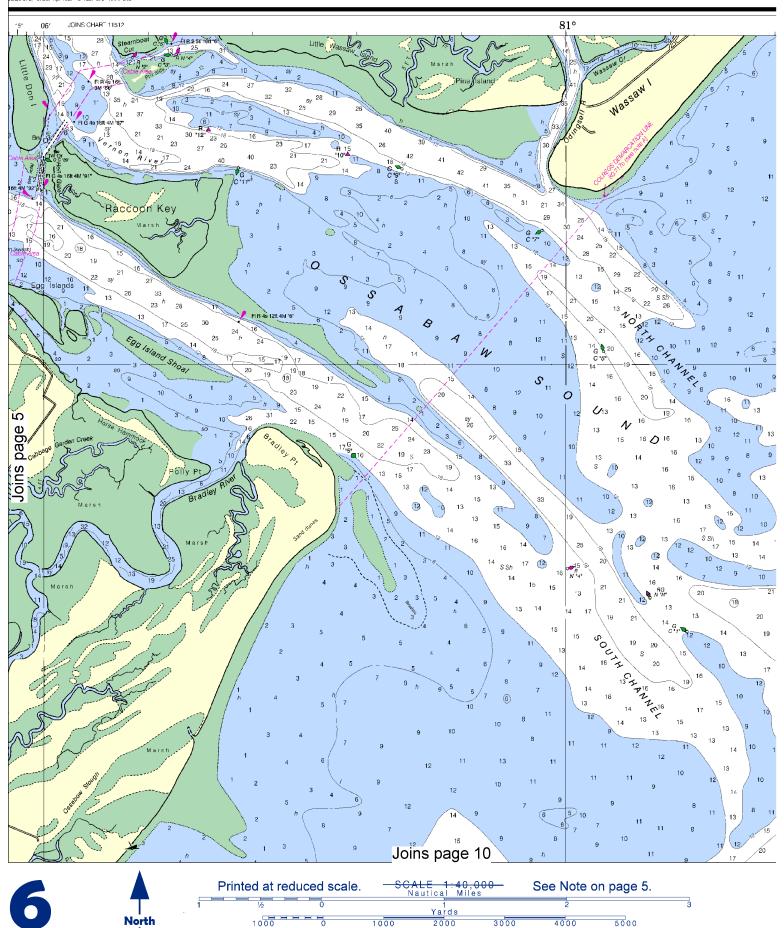
Place	Height re	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)			
Name (LAT/LONG	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water	Extreme Low Water	
Egg Island, Ossabaw Sound (31°50'N/81°05'W)	feet 7.8	feet 7.4	feet 0.2	feet -4.0	
Walburg Creek Entrance (31°41'N/81°09'W)	7.6	7.3	0.2	-3.5	
Kilkenny Club, Kilkenny Creek (31°47'N/81°12'W)	8.1	7.7	0.2	-3.5	
Bear River Entrance (31°43'N/81°08'W)	7.6	7.3	0.2	-3.5	
North Newport River (31°41'N/81°11'W)	7.8	7.4	0.2	-4.0	
South Newport Cut, Newport River (31°40'N/81°15'W)	8.1	7.7	0.2	-4.0	
Thomas Landing (31°38'N/81°15'W)	7.9	7.5	0.2	-4.0	
Gould Landing (31°38'N/81°16'W)	8.1	7.7	0.2	-3.5	
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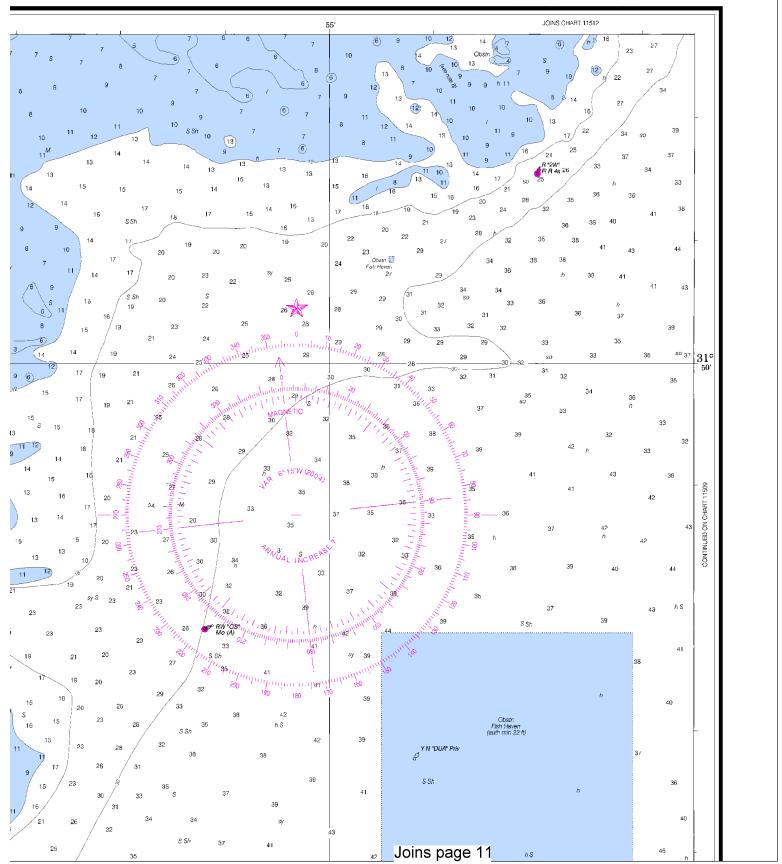


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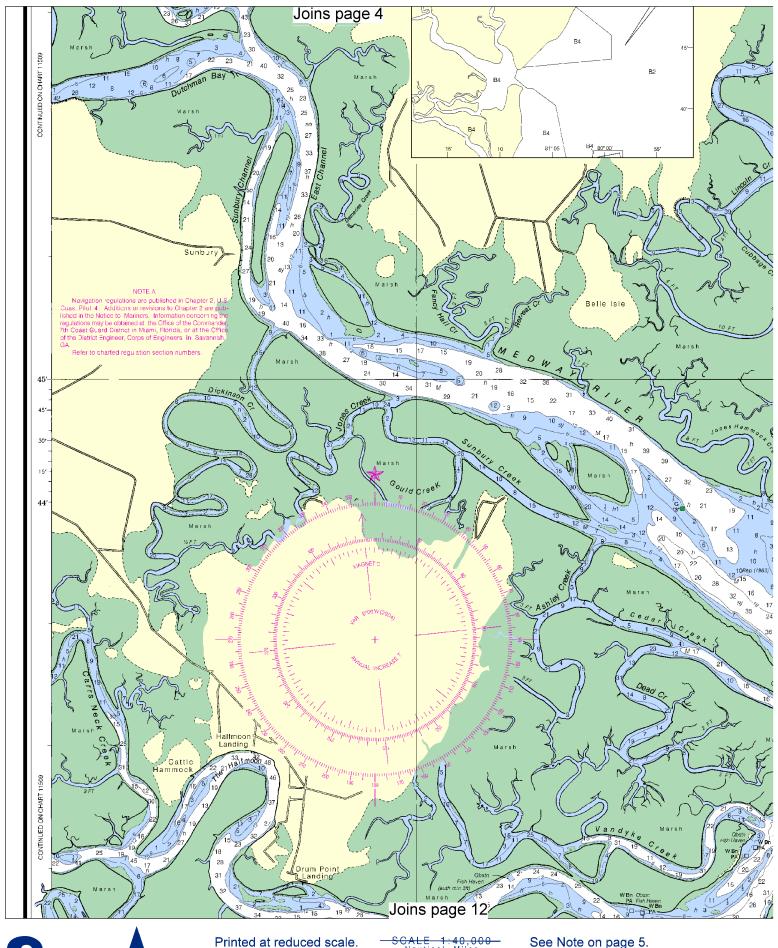




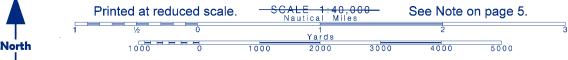
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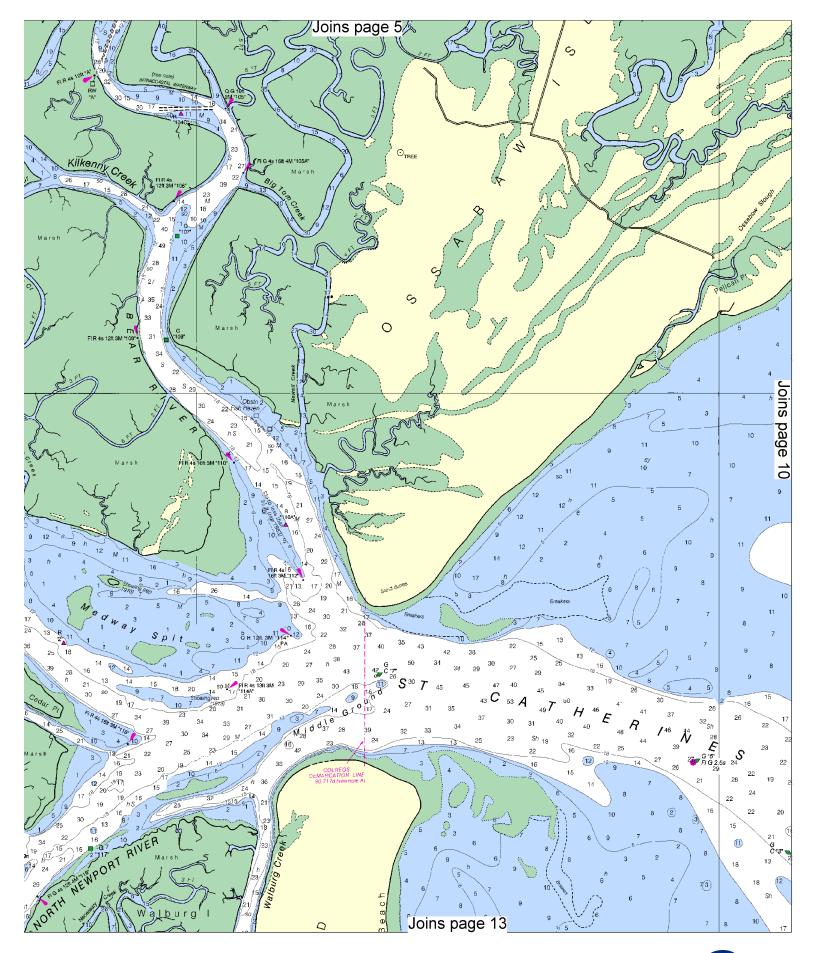


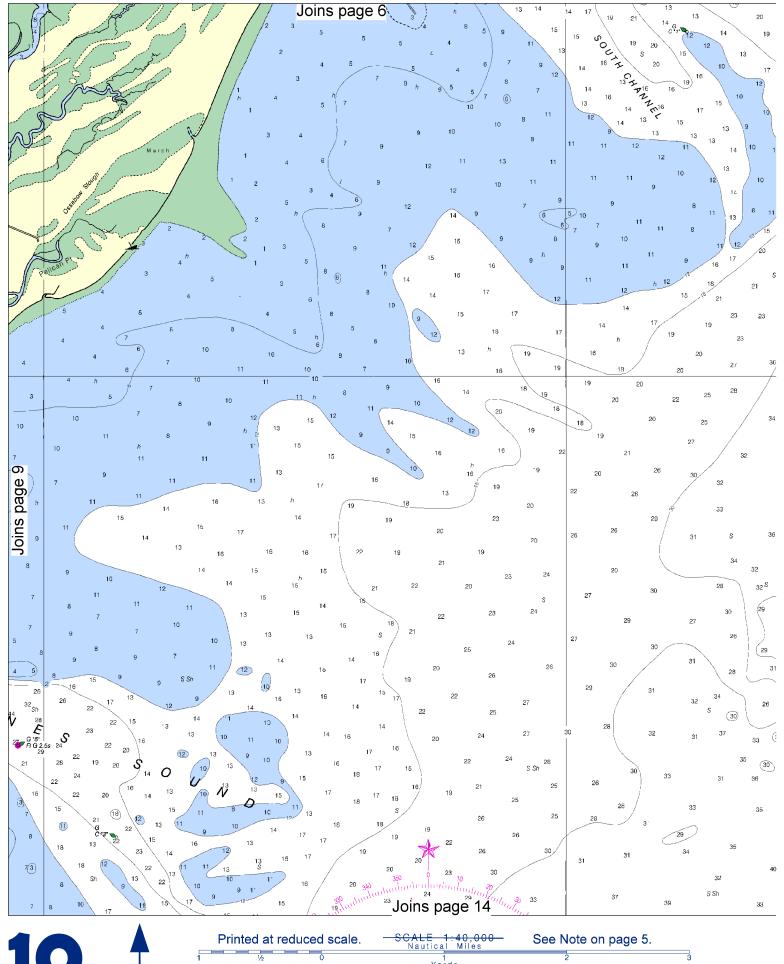
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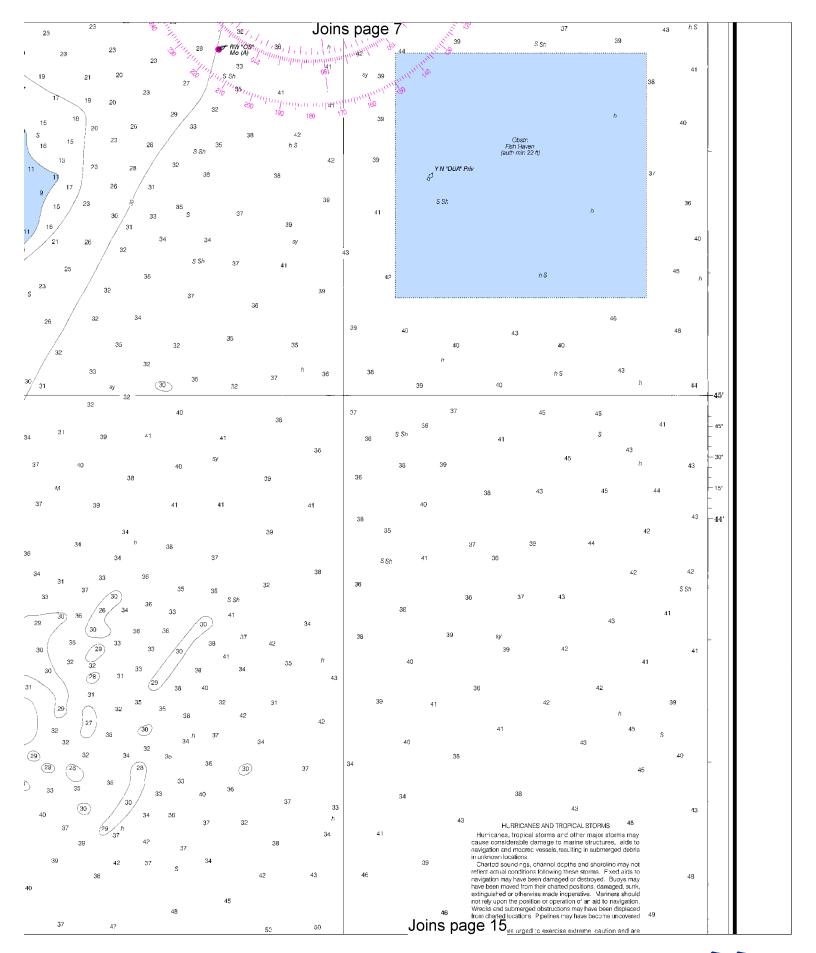


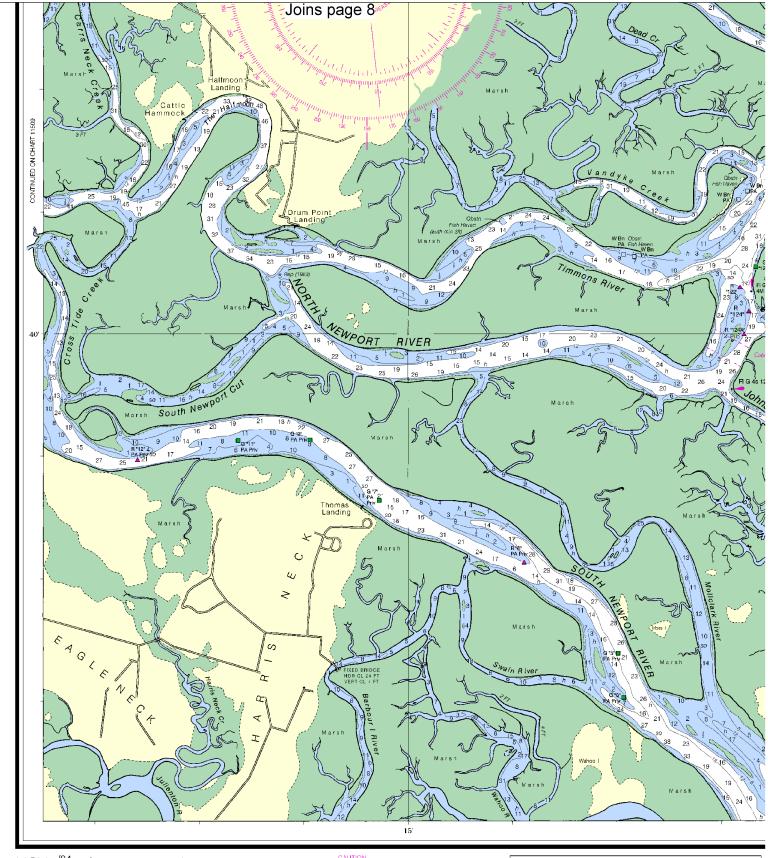












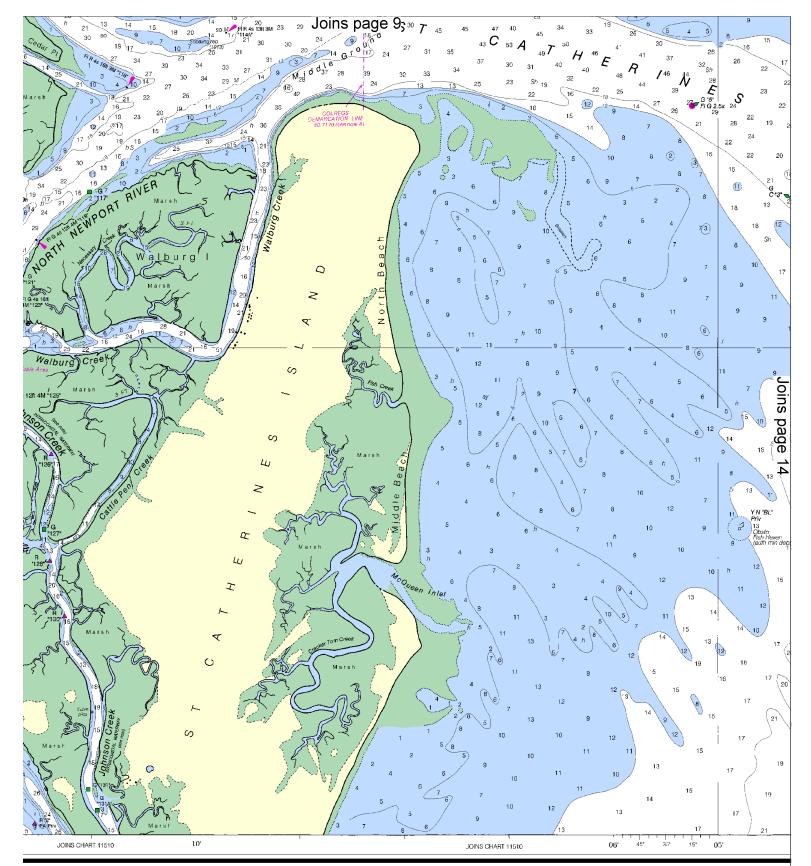
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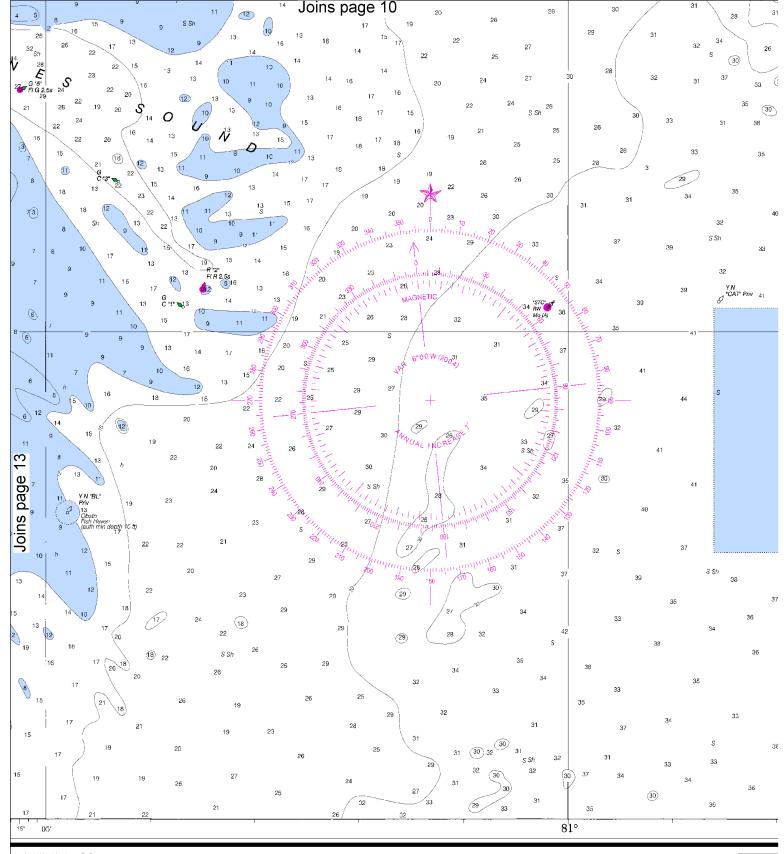






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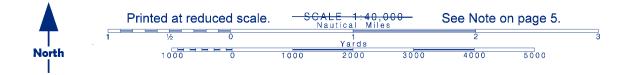
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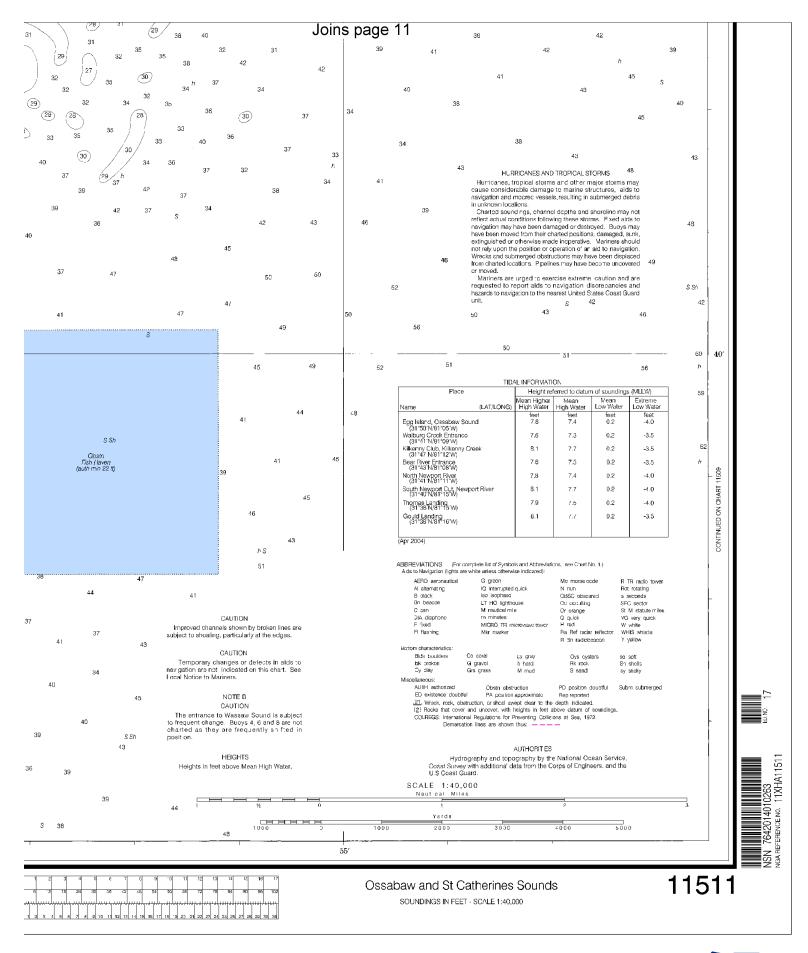
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Tybee – 912-786-5440 Coast Guard Atlantic Area Cmd – 757-398-6390 GA Dept. of Natural Resources – 800-241-4113

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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